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Demonstration Section

The Demonstration Section is responsible for the Chemical and Ordnance Demonstrations put on for Students of the AAF School and special groups. These demonstrations cover all phases of chemical attack and defense as well as demonstration of the various types of ordnance equipment used by, and in support of, the Air Forces.²¹

These demonstrations are arranged to give the students a practical visual illustration of some of the equipment and tactics which have been discussed in classroom lectures. The regular monthly demonstrations are timed to coincide with the final week of the Senior Officers! Course. Thus, the students return to their organizations with a vivid picture before them of the lessons learned during the course.

The big advantage of the demonstrations lies in the fact that the students, from a protected ground shelter, can observe the tactics employed by the various types of aircraft and witness the type and amount of damage caused by each weapon. Thus, future commanders get at least a brief look at all of the equipment used from the air and in defense

21. The photographs on pages 198 thru 202 illustrate some phases of the monthly Tactical Air Force Demonstration. The program for the Chemical Marfare Demonstration is included on pages 195 thru 197.

of air installations against attacks. A thorough understanding of the capabilities of all of the weapons available is absolutely essential to the proper planning of any air offense or defense.



Range Section

Capt T. C. Gates is Chief of the Range Section for this Base.

The duties of this Section include maintenance of the Ocala and Orlando Ranges.

The Orlando Range is used for demonstrations, dive bombing projects and training. The Ocala Range is used for practice bombing, AAF Board Projects, ground gunnery and rocket missions.

Under present conditions, planes from Pinecastle are the sole users of the Ocala and Orlando Ranges. Maintenance of the Orlando Range was turned over to the Post Engineer of Pinecastle and the same plan is being discussed in relation to the Ocala Range. All personnel, presently assigned to the maintenance of these ranges, would be assigned to Pinecastle. No definite conclusions have been arrived at as yet.